

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: William J. SEQUEIRA

Serial No.: To Be Assigned Examiner: Sam Huang

Filed: Concurrently Herewith Group Art Unit: 2711

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A MASTER SCHEDULER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application and prior to the substantive examination thereof, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2-14, 17-18 and 30-32 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

After entry of this amendment, it is believed that the above-referenced application is ready for substantive examination by the Examiner. Early and favorable examination thereof is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,

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